

## AN INVITATION

**Of New-York.**

The Commercial Manufacturing Company (incorporated in New-York) is a company organized under the laws of the State for the manufacture of Oleomargarine Butter from fresh butter. In less than four years this industry has grown to such importance that it employs at its factory on 48th-st. and North River, over one hundred men, and pays the employees more than \$150,000 a year. It sells the value of its output killed in New-York about \$160,000 a week, without adding the cost of most of the consumer. It employs several large factories in making its barrels and kegs. Its products are becoming an important item in the exports of the country.

In all this the Commercial Manufacturing Company has materially benefited the business and labor interests of the city, and it has committed no serious offense. Its butter, free of artificial flavor and standing the test of time without changing, is driving from the market the low grades of dairy butter. It can be resold at 35 cents per pound, while bad dairy butter, unpalatable, tainted and unwholesome, sells at 25 cents per pound. To be sure, it has supplied the laboring classes with a wholesome and necessary article of food at a price within their reach; but this is nothing in the eyes of those whose selfish interests it has damaged. Therefore these men have conspired to destroy the industry, and the most available weapons at their command are false statements and appeals to popular prejudice. Their malicious falsehoods regarding the material used and the method of manufacture have been met by certificates from the most distinguished chemists and sanitarians in the country, all of whom pronounce the product of oleomargarine free from parasites, wholesome as an article of food, and its manufacture to be conducted on the most cleanly and unobjectionable principles. Among the men of science thus attesting are Professor Charles F. Chandler, President of the New-York Board of Health; Professor George F. Barker, of the University Pennsylvania; Dr. Henry A. Mearns, Jr., of New-York; Professor S. C. Caldwell, of Cornell University; Professor W. V. Johnson, Yale College; and Professors Brewster and Verree of Yale College; Professor C. A. Goodmann, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College; Professor Henry Morton, of the Stevens Institute of Technology of Hoboken; Dr. Charles P. Williams, of Philadelphia; Professor W. O. Atwater, of the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Conn.; and Professor J. H. Woods, of the Medical Department of the University of New-York.

A commercial journal in this city has been engaged by the "dairy interest" to assail the oleomargarine business. Its officers were offered the opportunity to make any examination they might desire, at any time, and through any individuals or committees, to report upon the quality of the oleomargarine and its manufacture, and then to speak of facts as they should find them. Their answer was that they knew nothing thereby, and did not desire to obtain any information on the subject. Yet this same Journal of Commerce yesterday charged its editor to conduct an investigation, and to publish the results of the learned Professor named above, as so simple as to be deceived, or so base as to be bribed by the artificial sanitarian trusts.

These unfounded and infamous insinuations are designed to prejudice a Legislative committee which will visit this city to investigate our charge. The Commercial Manufacturing Company brands the statements of the Journal of Commerce as recklessly unfounded and malicious, and published with an unfair if not with a venal object.

**This Company Now Invites**

The Mayor of New-York, the Common Council, the Board of Health, the press and the public at large to attend in person or through representatives at the meetings of the Legislative Committee, in order that they may see what evidence is taken, and may judge of the justice of the reports that may be made to the Legislature on whichever side it may be. They also invite it to be invited to each for the sake of the Committee, which will thus be protected against the suspicion of venality or unfairness, as in the interest of the important industry assailed.

The Company further desires to invite visits to the factory, on 48th-st. and North River, at any time, day or night, from any individual or committee, to examine the process of the conduct of those who, for their own selfish purposes, are endeavoring to destroy the reputation of American commerce, and to breed distrust and suspicion against American food products in the European markets.

NEW-YORK, March 24, 1881.

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